

**REGULAR MEETING OF
DIRECTORS OF BELMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Tuesday, September 11, 2012
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ONE TWIN PINES LANE**

**SPECIAL MEETING
CLOSED SESSION**

A. Conference with Labor Negotiator, Greg Scoles, under Government Code Section 54957.6: Belmont Firefighters IAFF Local 2400 and Fire Management Unit (FMU)

Attended by: Directors Wozniak, Braunstein, Lieberman, Feierbach, District Manager Scoles, City Attorney Rennie, Human Resources Director Dino, Finance Director Fil. Board President Warden did not attend, and District Secretary Cook was excused from attending.

ADJOURNMENT at this time being 7:30 P.M.

**Terri Cook
District Secretary**

Meeting not recorded.

**REGULAR MEETING
CALL TO ORDER 7:35 P.M.**

(Note: Belmont Fire Protection District meeting held concurrent with the City Council Meeting.)

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Wozniak, Braunstein, Feierbach, Lieberman, Warden

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: District Manager Scoles, Fire Chief Fry, City Attorney Rennie, Chief Building Official Nolfi, City Treasurer Violet, District Secretary Cook

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by the Public Safety Honor Guard in remembrance of 9/11

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Rennie stated that direction was given but no action taken during the Closed Session held earlier.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of the Belmont Fire Protection District of August 14, 2012, 2012

ACTION: On a Motion by Director Feierbach seconded by Director Braunstein, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved by a show of hands.

PUBLIC HEARING

Introduction of an Ordinance of the Belmont Fire Protection District Designating Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and Establishing the Wildland-Urban Interface Areas Within the City of Belmont

Fire Chief Fry stated that the purpose of this ordinance is to redefine areas of the San Juan Hills region currently classified as High Fire Hazard Severity Zone into the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. He outlined State regulations adopted in 2008 which requires municipalities to update their map zones in order to provide for good defensible space in the event of fire, and better enforcement of vegetation management.

In response to Director Feierbach, Fire Chief Fry clarified that large brush removal would not likely need to occur as a result of this change.

Board President Warden questioned whether the change of severity zones would need to be disclosed upon sale of the property.

Chief Building Official Nolfi explained that the existing designations could lead to inconsistencies when enforcing certain regulations in the Building Code, and topography and geography would be consistent under the new designation. He clarified that the rules apply only to new construction and remodeling projects over 500 square feet, and the application of the rules contain some discretionary provisions by the building official and fire marshal. He clarified the definition of defensible space.

Director Feierbach expressed concerns regarding the implications of this ordinance, and stated that due to other items on tonight's City Council agenda, she did not have sufficient time to review this matter in detail. She suggested continuing this issue to the next meeting.

Board President Warden opened the Public Hearing. There were no speakers on this item.

ACTION: On a motion by Director Wozniak, seconded by Director Braunstein, the Public Hearing was unanimously closed by a show of hands.

ACTION: On a motion by Director Wozniak, seconded by Director Feierbach, and unanimously approved by a show of hands to continue this matter to the meeting of September 25, 2012.

OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Belmont Fire Protection District Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract Between the Board of Administration California Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and the Board of Directors of the Belmont Fire Protection District

Human Resources Director Dino explained that this Resolution establishes a 2 percent at 50 formula for new hires and is the second step required to amend the contract with PERS (Public Employees Retirement System). She clarified that no additional amendments to the contract may be made for three years.

ACTION: On a motion by Director Wozniak, seconded by Director Feierbach, Resolution 2012-019 of the Board of Directors of the Belmont Fire Protection District Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract Between the Board of Administration California Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and the Board of Directors of the Belmont Fire Protection District was unanimously approved by a show of hands.

ADJOURNMENT at this time being 11:58 P.M.

**Terri Cook
District Secretary**